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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology
Deputy Director for Operations
Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM:

[redacted]
Executive Director, Central Intelligence Agency

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SUBJECT:

CIA Participation on the [redacted] Working
Group

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1. On 12 August 1982, a joint [redacted] program review was held and it was decided to continue the program in a modified form. The DDCI, D/DIA and ACS(I)/USAF agreed to a proposal to redefine and redirect the [redacted] effort into a three-phased program. Phase I of this program, to last approximately one year, calls for establishing a joint Agency working group, drafting a revised Memorandum-of-Understanding, conducting a comprehensive field measurements program, performing an expanded operational access feasibility study and performing a data link trade-off study.

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2. The DDCI has committed the CIA to full participation in this Phase I exercise. This will be accomplished through the assigning of personnel from your three Directorates to the [redacted] working group. For the Phase I exercise, which will be technology intensive, I would like the DDS&T to appoint a project manager to coordinate all in-house CIA activities. All three Directorates should plan to make appropriate personnel available to work with this project manager, as required, on the interagency working group. The CIA project manager will make periodic program status reports to the Clandestine Technical Collection Panel throughout the Phase I exercise.

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3. In full recognition of the importance of the [redacted] intelligence requirements, I am anticipating an intensive [redacted] Phase I effort over the next year. The CIA project manager and other working group members should assure that the studies and technology testing to be performed are comprehensive and, indeed, address the issues raised at the program review. At the conclusion of Phase I, we should have some definite understandings both as to the technical and operational feasibility of conducting a clandestine collection program and of the nature and direction of any Phase II program for developing specific operational access and system hardware. Finally, I endorse the proposal made at the 12 August Program Review that another joint CIA, DIA, AF/ACS(I) review be scheduled at the conclusion of the Phase I effort.

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